IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Markus Haller et al. Examiner: B. Prieto

Serial No.: 09/764,681 Group Art Unit: 2142

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Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REMOTE PROGRAMMING OF AN

IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Supplemental Amendment is responsive to communication with Examiner Beatriz and is tendered to place the application in condition for allowance.

Applicants believe that no fee is due for entry of the instant Supplemental Amendment but hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-2546, if required for entry of said Supplemental Amendment.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.